



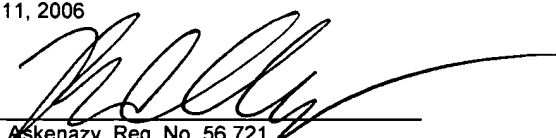
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## PATENT APPLICATION

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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. :	10/661,319
Applicant :	Robert L. Armstrong et al.
Filed :	September 12, 2003
Title :	OPTICAL DEVICES AND METHODS EMPLOYING NANOPARTICLES, MICROCAVITIES, AND SEMICONTINUOUS METAL FILMS
Atty. Docket No.:	37000 CIP2 9906
Group Art Unit :	2877
Examiner :	Kara E. Geisel
Confirmation No.	9312

### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 30 of this paper.